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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

SAHASHI et al.

Art Unit: 3629

Serial Number: 09/735,664

Examiner: G. Binda

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For: DRIVE WHEEL BEARING ASSEMBLY

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 28, 2003

Dear Sir:

The time for reply having been duly extended from January 4, 2003 until February 4, 2003, by the attached petition, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 9-12, 15 and 17 as follows:

Sub 4. 9. (Amended) A drive wheel bearing assembly having a fixed type constant velocity universal joint, coupled to a wheel bearing, mounted to one end portion of an intermediate shaft, and a sliding type constant velocity universal joint, coupled to a differential, mounted to the other end portion of said intermediate shaft,

C. 5 wherein an allowable plunging down to a bottom portion of an outer joint ring of said sliding type constant velocity universal joint is set substantially equal to a sum of a width of an inner joint ring of said fixed type constant velocity universal joint and a